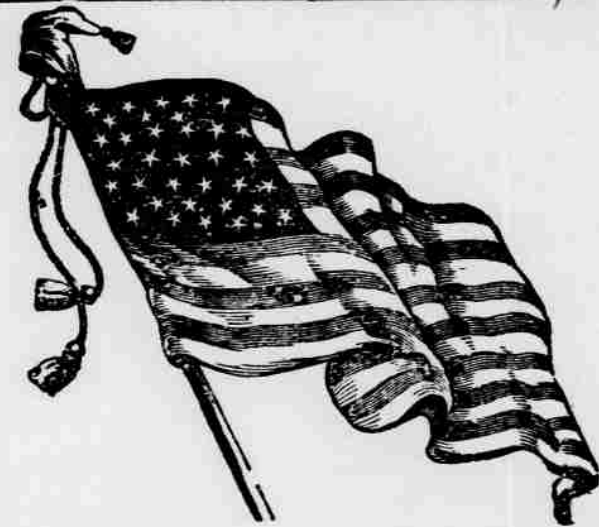


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FACTIONS NOT NECESSARILY FATAL.

We read and hear a great deal these days as to the influence of factionalism in retarding the growth of a town. And while it is true that many towns are held back from a pronounced and gratifying growth by the factional fights within their confines, it is not always the case, nor is it inevitable.

You have doubtless heard citizens of more than one town remark: "No use to start anything for this town; it divides on all questions and the factions start fighting each other, and as a consequence nothing is done."

This state of affairs is common to many towns. Factions do exist, and do fight each other. But still there is a way around of this if the citizens of the town can be brought to see things in their true light, and will all agree to use a little of the common sense with which Providence has endowed them.

We must recognize the fact that there are factions in ALL towns. Nevertheless, not all towns permit these factional fights to retard their prosperity. The reason for this is that the citizens of these towns have the sense to realize that prosperity for the town means prosperity for ALL IN the town.

Let us take an example:

A proposition is up to secure some industry for your town. It is something that may possibly not DIRECTLY affect but a small proportion of the population. Possibly that small element may all belong to one of the warring factions. Is that any reason why the others should oppose it? Decidedly NOT. Every citizen who has the real prosperity of his town at heart will at once realize that a direct benefit to the town is an indirect benefit to himself; and, while doing all he can for the success of his own crowd, will not carry his efforts to the extent of depriving the town of a tangible asset.

And therefore lies the keynote to the success of many towns, regardless of the fact that they are as badly divided into factions as others. They have the sense to see that when their town is deprived of a profitable industry which it might have secured, NO ONE has an opportunity to benefit from it. Had all agreed to pull together and secure it, then each could have had a fighting chance for the benefits.

Briefly, the LIVE town does its scrapping AFTER they have secured what they go after, instead of before. The LIVE town realizes that ALL must work together to SECURE, but that the scrapping must be limited to the control.

You should bitterly resent the charge of disloyalty to your town. Every time you knock it, every time your act deprives it of a benefit, just so often you ARE disloyal.

This principle will hold good in all things relating to the prosperity of the community.

Get this kind of a spirit in your heart: "We will all stand together for every possible benefit to our town. If there MUST be a scrap, let it be over loaves and fishes ALREADY SECURED."

**Peace And War
Commingled**

(By Hugh Bailee.)

(United Press Staff Correspondent.)

An Atlantic Port, Aug. 27.—

America's war zone begins at a spiked iron picket fence, skirting a water-front street in this hustling seaport town.

On one side of that fence—movie shows with gaudy posters, peaceful groceries, motherly housewives doing their marketing women in bright, summery clothes wheeling baby carriages.

And on the other side—vast field of parked artillery caissons, grimly shrouded cannon, their snouts pointing skyward, ambulances, military motors, swarming men in khaki, a gray atmosphere of war. This was the picture unfolded today on a trip to the unnamed port.

Sentries march up and down outside the picket fence. One half the street belongs to the town the other half to Uncle Sam and those who try to cross the forbidden walk on Uncle Sam's side find cold steel threatening their vitals.

Once beyond the guarded gates the civilian who is permitted to pass, if armed with the necessary magic papers, finds himself in the midst of militarism. A silent Sammy, with a big automatic hanging at his hip, is always just two paces behind him.

He sees a row of huge warehouses, piled to the lofty roofs with mountains of boxes—labelled "hard bread," "beans," "soap." Those boxes will be opened in France. He sees a great courtyard, crammed full of artillery, all painted battleship gray. In perfect order, each pile numbered, he beholds thousands upon thousands of tent-poles, tent-stakes, tent-floorings, and canvasses.

There are ranks of army wagons with khaki tops like those of old prairie schooners, ranks of ambulances with stretchers swung from their roofs, battalions of motor trucks, supplies of every conceivable kind.

In a small open space, one company had hung its wash—khaki shirts flapped in the breeze. At another place, a long file of men, armed with tin plates and cups, marched past the cook. Occasionally a whistle shrilled orders.

Transports lay at their piers ready to carry their staggering conglomeration of men and materials across the sea, where the hooded guns can flame into life against the enemy and where the men will await their turn to go over the top.

On one transport the sailors had rigged a swing and were taking turns in it like schoolboys. An officer walked down a narrow lane between walls of boxes, a gray-haired woman on one arm, a girl, perhaps the girl—the other. Their faces were serious.

They Always Come Back Home

Have you ever noticed that when people leave a place, where they have always been treated in exactly the RIGHT way, that they always and invariably come back home? I have noticed it more particularly for the past few weeks than ever before, for a very few of my customers have tried around, as people will do, but have landed safely home again. They say there is no place like home. They are welcomed back, so will you be, if you see fit to give your grocery patronage to me.

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Rear Admiral Bradley A. Fiske, retired, inventor of the Fiske torpedo, made his first public demonstration of his latest war engine, launching torpedoes from a seaplane skimming at full speed on the water. The launching device perfected for this demonstration has not been shown publicly. Four days racing and water sports are scheduled.

The New York police department has opened a school to train detectives in the scientific detection of criminals. It is not stated but we presume Sherlock Holmes will figure largely in the curriculum.



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